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Application No. : 10/619,553 Confirmation No.: 5934
Applicant : Klemens DWORATZEK, et al.
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Customer No. : 23911
Title : Valve for Controlling a Fluid Flow

CLAIM OF PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119

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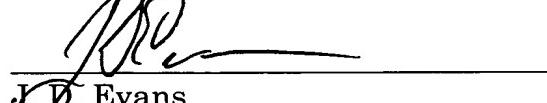
Sir:

The benefit of the filing date of prior foreign application No. 10232045.4 on July 16, 2002, is hereby requested and the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 is hereby claimed.

In support of this claim, filed herewith is a certified copy of the original foreign application.

Respectfully submitted,

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